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**Subject: Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)
Reauthorization of Dredged Material Management Program Disposal Site
Commencement Bay, WA.
EPA Project Number 08-019-COE**

Dear Dr. Martin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the FSEIS for **Reauthorization of Dredged Material Management Program Disposal Site** in accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA expressed concerns on the draft supplemental EIS related to the lack of air quality analysis and potential climate change impact analysis associated with dredging activities and the use of the disposal site. We appreciate the additional air analysis that was conducted, which showed that the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 2) is below the NEPA significance threshold (100 tons/year of Air Pollutant Emissions) for both average and worst case disposal forecasts. We appreciate both the time you spent working with us to ensure that the analysis was complete and the opportunity to review the results and the draft version of the FSEIS section on air quality. The FSEIS also included a discussion on climate change related to the region's predicted future climate and potential effects on the project, which are minimal. This added analysis and information resolves our concerns with the EIS.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us via phone and for the opportunity to comment on the final EIS. Please feel free to contact Lynne McWhorter at (206) 553-0205 or by electronic email at mcwhorter.lynn@epa.gov with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

/s/
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